

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Thursday, August 21, 2025

The Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles convened the Regular Meeting at 9:06 a.m. Present were, President Renata Simril, Vice President Luis Sanchez, and Commissioner Benny Tran. Also present were, Jimmy Kim, General Manager, Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer, Deputy City Attorney IV Steven Hong and Deputy City Attorney III Brendan Kearns.

The following Department staff members were also present:

Cathie Santo Domingo, Assistant General Manager Planning Maintenance, and Construction Branch
Chinyere Stoneham, Assistant General Manager, Recreation Services Branch
Brenda Aguirre, Assistant General Manager, Special Operations Branch
Noel Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Administration Branch

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

President Simril called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 7, 2025. Vice President Sanchez made such motion, and it was seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

President Simril Introduced Councilman Tim McOsker of Council District 15 to give a brief welcome.

GENERAL MANAGER'S UPDATE

Jimmy Kim, General Manager began his update by thanking Councilmember Tim McOsker for his support for our RAP Department and for joining us this morning. Mr. Kim introduced Kimberly Simonet the acting Superintendent of the Pacific Region Recreation division to provide an introduction of the staff and share a bit of history regarding Peck Park.

Mr. Kim mentioned that RAP's website has a new trip planning feature. Mr. Kim stated the Commission has received various communications from constituents, and he has assigned appropriate staff for follow up.

Mr. Kim provided a few specific updates. Mr. Kim stated our Emergency Management Division is currently supporting the activation of augmented cooling centers, due to the

forecasted high temperatures. Currently, we have 4 sites that have been extended with, extended hours from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Those four centers are North Hollywood Senior Center, Canoga Park Senior Center, Pecan Recreation Center and Algin Sutton Recreation Center. He mentioned that all public facing facilities during this elevated heat that we're experiencing can be used by Angelinos as locations to take refuge from the heat.

Mr. Kim also provided a report back on the artificial turf report back timeline. So, the department has been working with CLA to create a task order solicitation to our contractors to begin the study. Once we receive the bids, we will work with the CAO to identify funding, at which point, we could begin, the study. Ahead of that, larger study, because that study requires not only Recreation and Parks, but also various other departments to be involved. But before the study takes place we will be coming back to this board, with an internal departmental report by October 16th. Mr. Kim also provided a report back on the timeline for the Griffith Park Concessions, formerly the pony ride concessions. RAP expects to come to the board with recommendation at the October 2nd meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments on matters within the Board's jurisdiction were invited, 4 such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORT PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD REPORTS

Public comments relevant to the Board Reports were requested; no such requests were submitted.

BOARD REPORTS

- 25-144** Echo Park Skatepark (PRJ20837) (W.O. #E170186F) Project – Addition of Signage; Categorical Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15311 [Construction, or Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant to) Existing Commercial, Industrial, or Institutional Facilities] of State CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 11(1) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-144 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-145** Chatsworth Park North – Outdoor Field Improvements (W.O. #E170488F) (PRJ21513) Project – Final Acceptance

Board Report No. 25-145 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-146** Holleigh Bernson Memorial Park and Limekiln Canyon Park – Approval of Proposed Amendment No. 1 to License Agreement Nos. 3986 and 3987 with Argos Scientific, Inc. – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Sections 15301 [Operation, Repair, Maintenance, Permitting, Leasing, Licensing, or Minor Alteration of Existing Public or Private Structures, Facilities, Mechanical Equipment, or Topographical Features, Involving Negligible or No Expansion of Existing or Former Use], 15303(e) [Installation of Accessory (Appurtenant) Structures Including Garages, Carports, Patios, Swimming Pools, and Fences] and 15306 [Basic Data Collection, Research, Experimental Management, and Resource Evaluation Activities which Do Not Result in a Serious or Major Disturbance to an Environmental Resource] of California CEQA Guidelines and Article III, Section 1, Class 1(14), Class 3(4) and Class 6(2) of City of Los Angeles CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-146 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-147** Mae Boyar Recreation Center – Playground Replacement (PRJ21594) Project – Categorically Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15301(c) [Minor Alterations of Existing Highways and Streets, Sidewalks, Gutters, Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails, and Similar Facilities], Section 15302 [Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities where the New Structure will be Located on the Same Site as the Structure Replaced and have Substantially the Same Purpose and Capacity], Section 15304(b) [New Gardening or Landscaping, Including the Replacement of Existing Conventional Landscaping with Water Efficient or Fire Resistant Landscaping], Section 15304(f) [Minor Trenching and Backfilling where the Surface is Restored] and Section 15311 [Placement of Minor Structures Accessory to (Appurtenant to) Existing Commercial, Industrial, or Institutional Facilities] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 1(3), Class 2, Class 4(3), Class 4(12) and Class 11(6) of City CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-147 was taken on consent.

DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-148** Studio City Recreation Center – Amendment No. 1 to Permit No. PD-Roe-168: Extension of Term of Temporary, Revocable Right of Entry Permit Issued to the Studio City Preschool DBA Studio City Cooperative Preschool (SCCP) for Access to Premises for Storage Purposes Board Report No. 25-116 was taken on consent.

Board Report No. 25-148 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-149** Vending Machine Concession – Approval of Award and Agreement for the Operation and Maintenance of the Vending Machine Concession to First Choice Vending Inc. – Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 5, Section 15061(b)(3) [Common Sense Exemption, where it can be Seen with Certainty that There is No Possibility that the Activity in Question May Have a Significant Effect on the Environment] of California CEQA Guidelines

Board Report No. 25-149 was taken on consent.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

- 25-150** Purchase of Spillman Engineering Carousel Located at Griffith Park – Categorical Exemption from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Article 19, Section 15325(e) [Acquisition, Sale, or Other Transfer to Preserve Historical Resources] and Section 15331 [Projects Limited to Maintenance, Repair, Stabilization, Rehabilitation, Restoration, Preservation, Conservation or Reconstruction of Historical Resources in a Manner Consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (1995), Weeks and Grimmer] of California CEQA Guidelines as well as Article III, Section 1, Class 16 of City CEQA Guidelines

Matthew Rudnick, Executive Officer , Executive Office Branch, presented Board Report No. 25-150.

.DISPOSITION: APPROVED

President Simril requested a Motion to approve the Board Reports that were taken on Consent 25-144, 25-145, 25-146, 25-147, 25-148, and 25-149. It was moved by Vice President Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

President Simril requested a Motion to approve Board Report 25-150 as presented. It was moved by Vice President Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Tran. There being no objections, the motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COMMENTS

Discussion with Neighborhood Council Representatives on Neighborhood Council Resolutions or Community Impact Statements Filed with the City Clerk Relative to Any Item Listed or Being Considered on this Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners Meeting Agenda (Los Angeles Administrative Code 22.819; Ordinance 184243)

There was no such comment from Neighborhood Council Representatives relative to the Agenda Items being considered.

COMMISSION TASK FORCE UPDATES

Commission Task Force on Concessions

This Task force did not meet.

Commission Task Force on Facility Repair and Maintenance

Vice President Sanchez stated this Task force met and made recommendations and a vote to support the MacArthur Lake Stormwater Capture Project, the Reseda Park North Triangle Project, and the partnership with AltaMed around the AltaMed Museum project on our first and Broadway Park project that will be coming to the Commission in the near future.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Comments from the Commissioners on Matters within the Board's jurisdiction and Requests by Commissioners to Schedule Specific Future Agenda Items were requested. President Simril requested a report back on the Wilmington Senior Center project terms of an update and a timing of moving that to completion and the Peck Park Pool.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

ATTEST


PRESIDENT


BOARD SECRETARY